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TO : Chief, D/S, ORR

DATE: 7 January 1955

FROM : Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, ORR

SUBJECT: Economic Requirements for OCI Periodic Requirements List for the Months March 1955 - 30 June 1955, NEAR EAST/AFRICA (ORR 8710)

1. Your office is invited to submit requirements for the OCI Periodic Requirements List on the NEAR EAST/AFRICA for the months 1 March 1955 - 30 June 1955. A sample current OCI List (herewith attached) will serve as a guide in the preparation of requirements on any of the above countries of interest.

2. If your office is interested in submitting requirements for subject List, it should be borne in mind that they should be current information targets for the guidance of the field and not basic requirements. Where advantageous, some background information should be given.

3. The OCI Periodic Requirements List is designed to forecast for the coming four-month period the developments of significance in the area covered and to point up the specific information that is required for effective current intelligence coverage of these developments. The List is used as a guide for both overt and covert collection and is distributed to the following: FI, [REDACTED] FBID, FDD, State, Army, Navy, and Air. 25X1A2g

4. Any requirements that your office may wish to submit should be forwarded to St/I/R, Room 1217 M Building by Monday, 7 February 1955. (Attention: Miss [REDACTED]) and should reference ORR 8710.

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For the Chief,
Intelligence Information Staff

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Chief, Requirements Branch
Office of Research and Reports

Attachment: 1 *copy* copies: OCI Periodic Requirements List, 1 March 1955 - 30 June 1955, NEAR EAST/AFRICA

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Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, ORR

24 January 1955

THRU : Chief, Services Division
Chief, S/TF

Information Regarding Trading Companies of Western Europe.

BACKGROUND

A study is being made of certain trading companies of Western Europe, in an attempt to determine their inter-relationships and their relationships with a specific West German chemical company. The companies and their known relationships are as follows:

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| 1. Intropa Handels, A.G. | Cable: INTROPA VEVEY |
| 1 Rue Glergers | Bank: Union de Banques Suisses |
| Vevey, Switzerland | Vevey, Switzerland |

Also known as: Intropa Trading Company (Ltd) - same address
Intropa Commerciale, S.A. - same address

Subsidiaries and branches:

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| A. Johann Grodtmann Export-Import | Cable: LEMJUS |
| Glockengiessergwall 15 | Bank: Deutsch-Asiatische Bank |
| Hamburg 1, Germany | Hamburg |
| B. O. Kees and Company, Ltd. | Cable: APOCRYPHA LONDON |
| 37-38 Fenchurch St. | |
| London E.C. 3, England | |
| C. O. Kees and Company, Ltd. | Cable: APOCRYPHA HONGKONG |
| No. 9 Ice House St. | Bank: The Chartered Bank of |
| Hong Kong | India, Australia & China |
| D. Herbert Kees, Ltd. | |
| Alexandra House, Queen's Road, Central | |
| Hong Kong | |
| E. Dychem Trading Company, Ltd. | |
| No. 7 Ice House St. | |
| Hong Kong | |
| F. Eutraco, S.A. (European Trading Company) | |
| Room 402-A | Bank: J. Henry Schroder Banking |
| 12 Chung Shan Road | Corporation |
| Shanghai, China | |

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G. Eutraco, S.A. (European Trading Company)
151 Chieh Fang Pei Lu
Tientsin, China

H. Impex Chemicals, Ltd. Cable: IMPEX OSAKA
25 Andojibashi-dori
4-chome, Minami-ku
Osaka, Japan

I. Intropa Trading Company, Ltd.
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

J. Intropa Industrie & Handels, GmbH
Rotenturmstrasse 25
Vienna, Austria

2. Liebermann Waelchi
Zurich, Switzerland

Subsidiaries:

A. Liebermann Waelchi & Co., N.Y., Inc.
15 - 19 West 37th St.
New York 18, N.Y. Cable: WAELECHI

Banks: Chemical Bank & Trust Co.
Bank of America International
J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp.
Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp.

B. Liebermann Waelchi & Co.
2nd Floor - King's Bldg.
Hong Kong

3. Tradex, S.A.
Route de Frontenex 53
Geneva, Switzerland

Second office of this company:

Tradex Basel, A.G.
Elisabethenstrasse 1
Basel, Switzerland

Cable: TRADEXBALE
Banks: Swiss Bank Corporation - Basel
Credit Suisse - Basel

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4. Far East Trading Company
Pedder Bldg. - 2nd Floor
Hong Kong

Cable: FAREASTRAD
Banks: Chase National
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.
Chartered Bank of India,
Australia & Ceylon
Shanghai Commercial Bank, Ltd.
The Bank of Canton, Ltd.

Offices are located at:

- A. Far East Trading Company
1784 Chung Cheng Road
Taipei, Taiwan

- B. Far East Trading Company
37 Wall Street
New York, N.Y.

Cable: FARDEVLEM

- C. Willi G. Brendel (German Representative)
Justinusplatz 4
Frankfort/Main - Hoechst, Germany

- D. Dependable Engineering Company
15 Fleming Road
Hong Kong

5. Siber Hegner & Co., A.G.
Talstrasse 14
Zurich 22, Switzerland

Cable: SIBERHEGNER ZURICH
Banks: Union Bank of Switzerland- Zurich
Suisse Bank Corp. - Zurich
Credit Suisse - Zurich
Chartered Bank of India,
Australia & China - London
Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp.
National City Bank - New York
Schroeder Banking Corp.-New York
Nationale Handelbank N.U. -
Amsterdam

Branches of this company are at:

- A. Siber Hegner & Co., Inc.
183 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

- B. Siber Hegner & Co.
89a Yamashita-cho
Yokohama, Japan

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- C. Siber Hegner & Co.
39 Yamamotodori 3-chome, Ikutaku
Kobe, Japan
- D. Siber Hegner & Cie - France, S.A.
Lyon, France
- E. Siber Hegner & Co.
8 Marunouchi 2-chome, Kojimachiku
Tokyo, Japan
- F. Siber Hegner, Ltd.
St. George's Bldg. - 3rd Floor
Chater Road PO Box 164
Hong Kong

- 6. Rostro Trading Co., Ltd. Cable: ROSTRO HONGKONG
Room 613/615 Alexandra House Bank: Young Brothers Banking Corp.
Hong Kong Hong Kong

Subsidiary:

Rhima Dyes & Chemical Co.
313 Edinburg House
Hong Kong

An office may exist in Shanghai, name and address unknown.

- 7. Farbwerke Hoechst, A.G. Banks: Hessische Bank - Frankfurt
Frankfort/Main - Hoechst Landeszentralbank - Frankfurt
Germany

This large chemical company, originally a part of I.G. Farben, may have financial, trading and selling relationships with the above listed trading companies.

REQUIREMENTS

It is requested that contacts be made with several U.S. banks and their branches and representatives, asking them to supply the following information regarding these trading companies:

- 1. Their major suppliers.
- 2. Their major customers.
- 3. Their major personalities (short biographical notes, where possible).
- 4. Their inter-relationships (if not already noted above), and particularly their relationships with Farbwerke Hoechst, A.G. (The word "relationships" includes financial, purchasing and marketing, and personality (family) relationships.)

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5. Where possible, S/TF has been asked to accumulate any information of an adverse sort which may be available on these companies or on personalities within these companies. The handling of this specific request should be more closely held than the remainder of the questions. It is possible that such information exists in the confidential files of the banks to be contacted or may be obtained through casual conferences. Questions 1 through 4 above may be treated as no higher than CONFIDENTIAL, while question 5 should be treated as SECRET.

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REQUESTOR: 

If material is voluminous, a representative of S/TF could possibly visit New York City.

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